

VOYAGES and TRAVELS:
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The LIFE and ADVENTURES
O F
Robinson Crusoe,
of Y O R K, Mariner.

Who Lived Eight and Twenty Years all alone
in an uninhabited Island on the Coast of America,
having been cast on Shore by Shipwreck,
wherein all the Men Perished but himselfe.
With an Account how he was at last as strangely
delivered by Pirates.



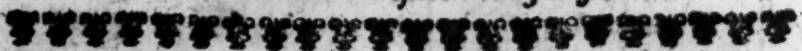
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The Life and *Strange* Adventures of
ROBINSON CRUSOE.



Written by Himself.



I Was born in the Year 1632, in the City of *York*, of a good Family, tho' not of that Country, my Father being a Foreigner born at *Bremen*, who after he had traveled some time, he settled at *Hull*, where by Merchandizing he got a plentiful Estate, then leaving his Merchandizing off, liv'd afterwards at *Tork*, and there married my Mother, whose Relations were named *Robinson*, a Family of good Repute in that Country, and from whom I was called *Robinson Krentzner*, but by the Corruption of Words in *England* we are now called, nay, we call our selves and write our Name *Crusoe*, and my Companions call'd me.

I being the third Son of the Family, and not bred to any Trade, my Head began to be fill'd very early with rambling Thoughts; I was now 18 Years old, when I was first bent to see the World; which was much against my Father's and Mother's Consent; but it was about a Year before I made an Elopement from my Parents, and going to *Hull* on the first of *September* 1651, I went on board a Ship bound for *London*; which was no sooner got out of the *Humber*, but the Wind began to blow, and the Sea to rise in a most frightful Manner; and as I had never been at Sea before I was most inexpressibly sick in Body, and terrify'd in my Mind.

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The 6th Day of our being at Sea, we came into *Tarmouth* Roads, the Wind having been contrary, and the Weather calm, we had made but little way since the Storm. Shortly after I came into another Storm, before the Ship was sailed far, which was so violent, that we were obliged to cut our Masts by the Board; moreover, she sprung a Leak, having four Foot Water in the Hold, whereupon a Gun was fir'd as a Signal of Distress, and the Storm being something abated, another Ship a head of us ventur'd out their Long-boat and fetch'd us off, but we were no sooner got out, than the Ship presently sunk to the Bottom.

I got with the rest of the Men into *Tarmouth* again, and having some Money in my Pocket, I traveled up to *London* by Land, where I went on Board a Vessel bound to the Coast of *Africk*, or as our Sailors vulgarly call it, a Voyage to *Guiney*; and carrying over a Venture of 40 l. in Toys and Trifles, I brought home 5 Pounds 9 Ounces of Gold Dust for it, which yielded me at my Return to *London* almost 330 Pounds.

Being so happy in this Voyage, I resolved to go the same again, in which I was very unfortunate; for a Turkish Rover of *Salee* meeting us between the *Canary* Islands and the *African* Shore, attack'd us and after an obstinate Fight on both Sides, taking our Ship, carried us all Prisoners into *Salee*, a Port belonging to the *Moors*. The Captain of the Infidel's Ship took me for his own Slave, and after sent me out a fishing with a little Nephew of his and a little *Moorish* Boy, whom one Day I flung into the Sea, and went off with a large Fishing-boat, in which was a Cabbin and a Sail, which we call a shoulder of Mutton Sail. I saved my Patron's Nephew named *Xury*, and putting out to Sea, trusted to Providence, which after five or six Weeks Hardships for want of Victuals and fresh Water, brought us in Sight of a *Portuguese* Ship, which took me in, and brought me safe to *Brazil* in 22 Days.

Here I remained 4 Years in very good Circumstances, as having a Plantation of my own; but being covetous of going Supercargo of a Ship, for some extraordinary Profit that was proffer'd me, I went on Board in an evil Hour

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again, the 1st of September 1659, being the same Day eight
YeSr that I went from my Father and Mother at Hull, for
when we got not far off t^o other side the Line a violent Tur-
nado or Hurricane took us for 12 Days together, and
drove us out of our Knowledge. We were not long out of
this Storm, but another one took us, and struck the Ship
upon a Sand, and in a Moment her Motion being so stopd,
the Sea broke over her in such a Manner, that we expected
we should all have perrish'd immediately, and on a sudden
we were driven into close Quarters, to shelter us from the
very Foam and Spite of the the Sea.

In this Distress we were within the Sight of Land, and
expectint every Moment when the Ship would be broke to
Pieces with the furious Waves, we put out our Boat, into
which all got: (being 11 in Number,) we committed our
selves to God and the wild Sea, for tho' the Storm was a-
bated considerbly, yet the Sea beat dreadful high upon the
shore; but what was worse, a ponderous Wave came and
overfett the Boat, and drowned every Man but my self, who
swimming very well, got with great Difficulty and Danger,
on shore, and began to look up and thank God that my Life
was made in case, wherein there was some Minutes before
scerce any Room to hope.

After returning Thanks to God for my great Deliverance
this time, I began to look round me to see what kind of a
Place I was in, I was wet and had no Cloaths to shift me,
nor any thing to eat or drink to comfort me, neither did I
see any Prospect before me but that of perishing with hun-
ger, or being devoured by wild Beasts; I had no Weapon
either to hunt or kill any Creature for my Sustainance or to
defend me against any other Creature that might desire to
kill me for theirs: In a Word I had nothing about me but
a Knife, a Tobacco-Pipe, and a little Tobacco-Box, Night
being come I went to a Tree and getting up into it, endea-
vour'd to place my self so as that if I should sleep I might
not fall; and having cut me a short Trunchion for my de-
fence, I took up my Lodging here till Morning, when I saw
the Tide had lifted our Ship off from the Land where she lay
and driven her up to a Rock about a Mile from the shore,
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on coming then down fro' my Apartment look'd about me again and the first thing I found was n^e Boar, which lay as the Wind and Sea had toss'd her upon the Land, above two Miles on my right Hand.

A little after Noon I found the Sea very Calm, and the Tide Ebb'd so far out that I could come within a quarter of a Mile of the Ship so pulling of my Cloaths (for the Weather was hot to Extremity) I swam to it, and by a Rope which hung down by the Fore-chains, I got up into the Fore-castle of the Ship which was bulg'd and had a great deal of Water in her Hold ; however I found all the Ship's Provision very and untouch'd by the Water, then with some Spare Yards, Byards and 2 or 3 large spars of Wood I made a Raft with the Carpinier's saw, on which putting 3 of the Seamen's Cheits which I had broke open and emptied and lower'd them down upon my Raft, I fill'd them with Bread three Dutch Cheeses 5 Pieces of dry'd Goats Fleth, several Cates of Bottles of Cordial Waters, and about 5 or 6 Gallions of Arrack : but while I was doing this I found the Tide begin to flow though very calm, and I had the mortification to see my Coat, Shirt, and Weastcoat which I had left on shorn upon the sand swim away, as for my Bretches which were only Linnen and open Kneed, I swam on board with them and my Stockings, however I got more in the Ship, and Tools to work with on Shore. I also sav'd a very good Fouling Pieces, two Pistoli, some Powder Horns, a small bag of Shot, two Old rusty Swords, two Barrels of Powder, all which I brought safe to my desolate Island, inhabited by nothing but wild Beasts :

I had also 2 Saws an Ax, and a Hammer, and now my next work was to seek a proper Place for my Habitation, and were to flow my Goods : when Night came I barricaded my self up with Chests and Boerds, which I had brought on shore, and made another Raft, on which I put 3 Bags full of Nails and Spikes, a great screw Jack, 1 dozen or two of Hatches, a Grindstone, 3 Iron Crows, a barrel of Muskats, and other Fouling Pieces, with some small Quantity of Powder more, and a large bag full of small Shot : beside these things I took all the Men's Cloaths that I could

I could find, a spare Foretopfail, a Hammock and some bedding, and brought them all safe to shore.

Now I made me a Tent with the Sail and some Poles and blockt up the Door of the Tent with some boards, and an empty Chest set up an end without, spiking one of the beds upon the Ground, laying my two Pistols just at my Head, and my Gun at length by me, I went to Bed for the first time, and slept very quietly all Night. Next Day I swam to the Ship again, from whence at another Raft I brought all the Rigging, Ropes, and Rope-Twine and a Piece of spare Canvas, a great Hoghead of Bread, three large Runlets of Rum, a Box of Sugar, and a Barrel of fine Flower. Another Time I brought of all the Cables and a great deal of Iron, 2 or 3 Razors, one pair of large Scissars, 10 or 12 good Knives and Forks, 36 Pounds value in Money, some European Coin, some Brazile, some Pieces of Eight, some Gold, some Silver.

I had been now 13 Days on shore and had been 12 times on board the Ship out of which I brought every thing that was portable; and the last time I came from thence, I returned to my little Tent, it blew very hard all that Night and in the Morning when I look'd out, behold no more ship was seen. Behind my Tent I made a Cave to put all my goods in. I went every Day a shooting, especially Goats, which are in great Plenty here. I then made a Place to make a Fire in, and provided good store of Fewel. Having Pens, Ink and Paper out of the Ship too, I kept my Journal which began on the 30th of Sept. 1659 the 1st Day of my being cast on this Island, and is as follows.

The JOURNAL.

September 30th. 1659. I poor Robinson Crusoe, being shipwreckt came on Shore on this unfortunate Island, which I call'd the Island of Despair.

Oct. 1. In the Morning I saw the Ship driven near the Shore, out of which I got (besides the Things abovementioned) two or three Bibles which brought with me out of England to Brazile, some Portuguese Book, and some other Mathematical Instruments.

November

November 18. I found a Tree of that Wood, or like it, which in Brasile the call the Iron Tree for its exceeding hardness of a piece of this, with great pains, I made Spade.

December 17. Kill a young Goat and lam'd another so that I catch'd him and led it home in a string; when I had it home I splentered up its Leg which was broke: Nay I nur'd it and nurs'd it so long that it grew tame and fed upon a little Green at my Door and would not go away.

April 16. I finished my Ladder by which I climbed in and out of my Barracado I had made round my House.

September 30. I was now come to the unhappy Anniversary of my Landing which Day I kept as a solemn Fast, setting it apart to religious Exercise, prostrating myself on the Ground with the most serious Humiliation, confessing my Sins to God acknowledging his righteous Judgments upon me and prayin to have Mercy on me thro' Jesus Christ.

As I walked about either on my hunting or for viewing the Country, the Anguish of my Soul at my Condition would break out upon me on a sudden, and my very Heart would die within me to think of the Woods, the Mountains, the Defarts I was in; and how I was a Prisoner lock'd up with the eternal bolts of the Ocean, in an Unhabited Wilderness without Redemption. I had now been here so long that many things which I brought ashore for my help were either quite gone or very much wasted and spent. It would have made a Stock smile to have seen me and my little Family sit down to Dinner; here was my Majesty the Prince and Lord of the whole Island; I had the Lives of all my Subjects at my absolute Command. I could hang, draw, or give Liberty, and no Rebels among all my Subjects. Then to see how like a King I din'd too all alone, attended by my servants, Poll was the only one alloud to speak to me. My Doy now growing old and had found no species to multiply his kind upon, sat at my right Hand and two Cats, which I brought off Shipboard, one on each side of the Table, expecting now and then a bit from my Hand as a Mark our special Favour.

I had liv'd here 15 Years, before I had seen the least shadow of any People; and that if at any time they should

be driven here, it was probable they went away again as soon as they could, seeing they had never thought to fix there upon any Occasion to this Time,

When I had been here 23 Years, 2 Canoes full of Savages came on Shore, who made a Fire to dress some Dyet of Humane Flesh, which they had brought with them, but whether alive or dead I could not tell. For an Hour or more before they went off they went to dancing, and I could exactly discern their Postures and Gestures by my Prospective Glasses, I could not perceive by the nicest Observation, but that they were stark Naked, but whether they were Men or Women that I could not distinguish. As soon as I saw 'em ship'd and gone, I took 2 Guns upon my Shoulders, and 2 Pistols at my Girdle, and my great Sword by my side, without a Scabbard, and with all the speed I was able to make, I went to the Hill, which was 2 Miles, where these Canibals shod been. Here a dreadful Sight did appear, especially at the Shore, with the Flesh, the Blood and Bones of Human Bodies, eaten and devoured by these Wretches.

I was not entered on the 27th Year of my Captivity in this Place, before I had the Conversation of an Indian, the three last Years, whom I took when he came a Shore here, and name him Friday, because I had taken him on a Friday, and taught him to talk English tolerably well, so that he was a very good Company to me. In the 29th or last Year an English Master of a Ship set ashore here by his Men who had mutinied, and at some Distance farther went ashore themselves to sleep in a great Thicket of Trees, of which I been inform'd by their new comers, he and with my Man Friday, we went and fell upon them in the Dark except five or six whom we saved, took their Boat, and went on Board the Ship, where was but few Hands with the new made Captain, whom they shot thro' the Head in the Cabin; then we made the best of our way to Lisbon, where I arrived in April following, my Man Friday, accompanying me very honestly thither, where enquiring after my Effects in *Brazile*, found I was worth 5000 Pounds Sterling in Money, besides having an Estate there worth above 1000 Pounds a Year, so making the best of my way home to *England*, by way of France, on the 14th of January, 1686, and sold my Estate and Effects, beyond Sea, for the Sum of 328000 Pieces of Eight.

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